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Via Rail working to quiet trains

BARRHAVEN

Loud whistles bothering residents near Greenbank Rd.

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Via Rail is listening to Barrhaven's train-whistling woes.

The Crown corporation is working with the city and Transport Canada to stop the repeated whistle blowing near Greenbank Road.

"It's hellishly loud," said Barrhaven Coun. Jan Harder, who said she has heard the whistles from her house at six o'clock in the morning with all the windows shut.

They sound 16 to 18 times a day, until 11 p.m., and are especially disturbing to people with dementia, autism or children, she said.

Since 1985, trains have been prohibited from sounding their whistles at the Greenbank crossing. However, because the area is under construction for a new grade separated underpass, the crossing has been temporarily rerouted. Federal regulations require the loud whistling as a safety measure.

Barrhaven is especially noisy, given the dynamiting and blasting for the underpass.

At a future council meeting, Harder will ask councillors to back her motion to stop the whistling. If nothing comes of it, Barrhaven residents will not have peace and quiet until 2017, when the construction work finishes.

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Game of Clones: Ottawa YouTuber goes on Kimmel

ENTERTAINMENT

Impersonations take Steve Love to TV talk show appearance

Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

It was nearly three years ago that a Kanata man caught the eye of late-night talk show host Jimmy Kimmel with his viral YouTube impersonations of Game of Thrones characters.

But Steve Love, at just 24 years old, finally made his appearance on Jimmy Kimmel Live late Wednesday.

It all started on July 9, 2012, when Love posted a simple video of himself impersonating various characters from the HBO show. Two days later, Kimmel shared the two-minute clip on his Twitter account.

"After he tweeted that, my followers went from, like, 200, to 700. So it was a significant boost and it was all thanks to Mr. Kimmel," Love told Metro in a phone interview before the taping on Wednesday.

The shout-out from Kimmel definitely put his name out there, but Love credits most of his online success to the Reddit community, which has shared his videos with so much fanfare that they have landed on the website's front page.

Since then, he's been making more video impressions, mostly of Game of Thrones characters, and working as an actor. When he's not recording YouTube clips, he works in logistical support at the Canadian Tire Centre.

One of his clips has amassed more than one million views on YouTube. It shows off his best impressions of characters like Jon Snow, played by Kit Harington.

A producer from Jimmy Kimmel Live contacted him in April asking if he'd be interested in performing live from Ottawa via video link. Of course, Love said "yes."

His reaction was: "Holy bleepity bleep, this is awesome!"

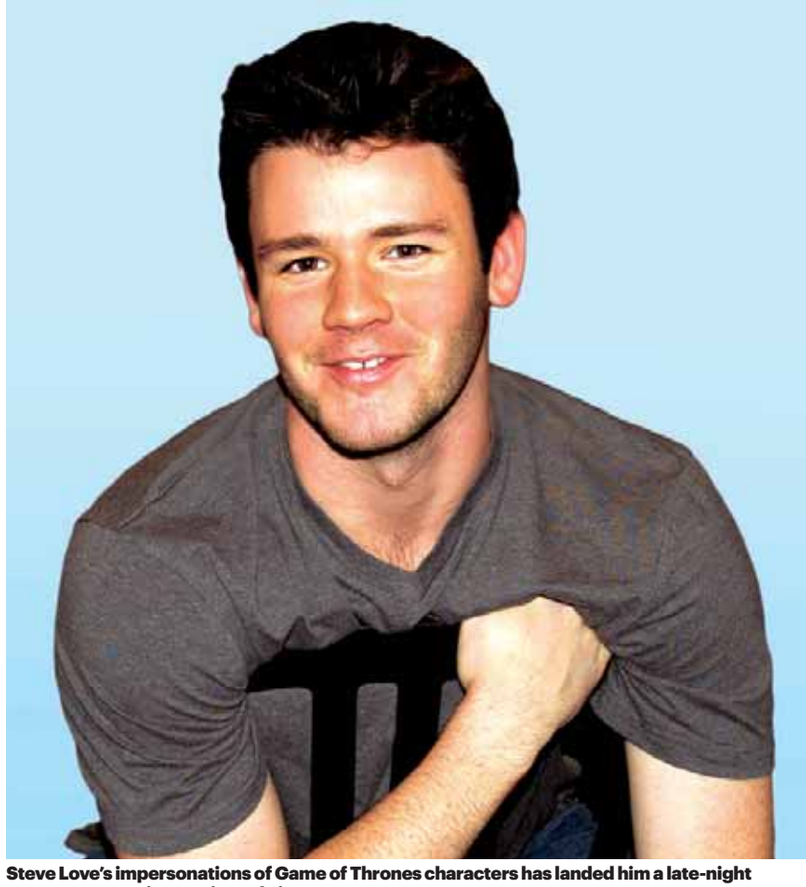
Love was scheduled to read some lines in character as Snow during Harington's guest appearance in studio so the audience can see his reaction.

Love said he has been working hard on acting and voice-over work and has recently started to get into stand-up comedy.

He said he was nervous before the taping, but he was also thrilled to be asked to be on the show.

"The exposure, the visibility is huge. If the right person sees something in me that they like, I mean you never know how far it could go," he said.

"I don't have crazy expectations. I just think it's nice to be on television and to have fun with some very talented and I'm sure very nice people."



Steve Love's impersonations of Game of Thrones characters has landed him a late-night appearance on Jimmy Kimmel Live. COURTESY AVO GARBOUSHIAN

O'CONNOR STREET

Council approves bike lane

Cyclists could have blinked and missed the speedy vote for the O'Connor Street segregated bike lane project at the Ottawa city council meeting on Wednesday.

Without any debate, councillors approved the $4-million north-south link from Fifth Avenue to Wellington Street. Eventually, cyclists will be able to cruise from Parliament Hill to Patterson Creek in the Glebe without navigating bustling Bank Street.

The first section of the bike lane, from Laurier to Fifth, will be carried out in 2016.

Between Laurier and Pretoria avenues, there will be a two-way bike lane. The lane will then shift to a one-way route on the west side and a contraflow bike lane on the east side from Pretoria to Strathcona.

In both these sections, the lane will be segregated by paint, precast concrete curbs and bollards.

It gets a little trickier between Strathcona and Glebe avenues, where O'Connor will turn into a two-way street. There will be a segregated lane here, except for the area between Patterson and Monkland avenues, where cyclists will share the road with cars.

The rest of the O'Connor Street route between Wellington and Laurier will roll out after Canada's 150th anniversary celebrations in 2017. That section will also have a two-way bike lane.

Capital Ward Coun. David Chernushenko has also asked for a speed-limit reduction to 30 km/h from Pretoria to Holmwood. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

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City votes to name park after mentor

CHARLIE BOWINS

Skateboarding venue slated to open on July 4

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

Charlie Bowins will not get the chance to test out the new skateboard park he helped bring to the McNabb Community Centre. But the concrete playground will be officially renamed in his honour.

On Wednesday, Ottawa city council voted to name the park the Charlie Bowins Skateboard Park. Bowins' sudden death, following a seizure in his sleep on March 3, shocked the skateboard community. He was only 27.

Somerset Coun. Catherine McKenney, who put forward the motion, said she had never met Bowins, but she has heard accolades from his many friends and fellow skaters who worked on the commemoration.

For more than a decade, Bowins taught kids how to skateboard and dedicated his time to boarding-related charity events, including raising funds for the new park.

> **He really was about living in the moment and living in the present.**
> Aaron Cayer

He worked as a camp counsellor for more than six years with the city and volunteered with a not-for-profit group called For Pivot's Sake, which donated refurbished skateboards to youth in social housing developments.

"He loved that program. He would do mentorship and lessons with the kids," recalled Aaron Cayer, co-director of the Ottawa Skateboard Community Association and founder of For Pivot's Sake.

Bowins' sudden death was very traumatic, Cayer said, but working on this project would allow him to walk away with something positive after suffering such a tragic loss.

"He was a healthy, young man. It just happened. The body is a strange thing," said Cayer. "He really was about living in the moment and living in the present."

The new park will open at the McNabb Community Centre at 435 Bronson Ave. on July 4.

— WITH FILES FROM JOE LOFARO

EDUCATION

Catholic board budget OK'd unanimously

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

The Ottawa Catholic School Board passed its $475.1-million budget for the 2015-16 year at a Tuesday night board meeting.

The board's preliminary budget was around $2.8 million short of provincial funding but superintendent of finance and administration David Leach said that extra money came from a surplus accumulated in previous years.

The surplus has bought the school board a year's time to communicate with staff, students and parents about making cuts to align spending with provincial funding.

"You can't overspend consistently by three or four million dollars a year and do nothing about it," said Leach. "At some point in time your accumulated surplus will become exhausted.

"We don't make changes that are last minute," he added. "We want to consult with all the members of our education community."

The board passed the budget unanimously and said in a release that it's pleased with the result.

The budget leaves room for class size compliance, technology upgrades and the opening of a new elementary school in Nepean.

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board is expecting a $12-million deficit in the 2015-16 year, half of that is expected to be reimbursed by the province later in the year.

Difficult cuts have been proposed to handle the remaining $6-million deficit, including a reduction in cleaning hours and teacher layoffs.

More flexibility for mom-and-pops

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Council approves measures to ease rezoning

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

Changes are in store for some of Ottawa's mom-and-pop shops.

City councillors voted on Wednesday to change the zoning in residential neighbourhoods and make it easier for aspiring entrepreneurs to open a "micro-scale" business, like a café or yoga studio, within their homes.

The new rules will also give more flexibility to existing corner stores.

Under current zoning bylaws, small businesses grandfathered into residential areas are limited in use. If a decades-old deli closes — or the owner dies — that building usually flips to residential use to fit with the neighbourhood.

But a rezoning application can cost a small business owner $15,000 to $20,000, plus the costs of flipping the commercial space back to residential use.

Instead of a new business, a neighbourhood might watch that building turn into an abandoned eyesore.

The former city of Ottawa passed its first zoning bylaw in 1964, but according to a city report, several businesses in the city date back to the early 1900s.

The new zoning affects properties in Rideau-Vanier, Rideau-Rockcliffe, Somerset, Kitchissippi, Capital and Alta Vista wards.

In total, it will benefit 70 businesses grandfathered into residential areas, 125 existing commercial properties to be rezoned and 315 residential properties that could also be suited for a small business.

MORE RULES

- In some cases, a small patio may be allowed, but additional parking will not.
- The business must also be on the ground floor or basement of the home and no bigger than 100 square metres.

CONSTRUCTION

Start new library in 2018, mayor says

Although an Ottawa committee just finished the first chapter of the long new central library plan on Tuesday night, Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson said he wants shovels in the ground by 2018.

"We're on the first step of a long journey, but I was pleased the report was passed unanimously yesterday," Watson told reporters after Wednesday's council meeting.

The Ottawa library board approved the central library plan on Monday night, but has yet to choose a location or funding model.

Although there was some dispute at the meeting over the possibility of a public-private partnership (also called a "P3"), Watson said the city should leave all doors open.

"The minute we start narrowing the options, it becomes more expensive and it certainly becomes more difficult to get the item through council because dollars are limited," he said.

A new 132,000-square-foot library would cost about $86 million.

A consultant's report has suggested the library be moved from its current location at 120 Metcalfe St. to 557 Wellington St., but that idea has also been controversial.

Watson was warm to the Wellington Street location, partly because the city has limited available land. A partnership could be through a land arrangement and not a building contractor, he said.

"We'll never get unanimity... We're going to have to come up with a compromise, but one that meets as many objectives as possible."

The central library plan will go to council for approval.

LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

One report suggests moving the library at 120 Metcalfe St. (pictured here) to 557 Wellington St. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

IN BRIEF

Barrhaven park renamed after business owner Ross

Barrhaven's largest park will don the name of a well-respected community leader and business owner.

Ken Ross, owner of Ross' Independent Grocer in Barrhaven, died last March following a battle against lymphoma and pneumonia. He was 54.

The community has rallied behind the idea of renaming South Nepean Park, at 600 Longfields Dr., to Ken Ross Park. Barrhaven Coun. Jan Harder asked her peers to support the commemoration, which they did at Wednesday's council meeting.

Ross was involved with numerous community events, including the Barrhaven Food Cupboard. He was also a founding director of the South Nepean Autism Centre. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO WITH FILES FROM METROLAND

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Union warns of hospital cuts' impact

HEALTH CARE

$12M deficit blamed for 87 more layoffs

Outpatient services like physiotherapy clinics at local hospitals are going to be shuttered because of funding cuts and more full-time positions will be on the chopping block, union representatives said Wednesday.

"Those people who need physiotherapy in preparation to be discharged — that's not going to be there any longer," said Heather Allen, a social worker at the Ottawa Hospital and steward of Ontario Public Service Employee Union (OPSEU) local 464.

Health professionals told a news conference the latest round of hospital cuts will lead to patients having to wait longer for surgeries and for lab test results. Recently, more than 100 staffing cuts were announced in Ottawa.

After announcing the elimination of 87 full-time nurses, administrative staff and health professionals, the Ottawa Hospital cited a $12-million deficit as the reason.

"The hospital CEOs are being forced to cut services and cut jobs," said Sara Labelle, chair of the hospital professionals division of OPSEU. "If the care isn't there, there is no quality."

Dr. Eric Hoskins, minister of health and long-term care, released a statement to Metro saying improving health care is a top priority. "We have also invested in Ontario's hospitals, increasing funding for the Ottawa Hospital by more than $233 million (since 2003) to $708 million this year," read part of Hoskins' statement. "I was recently in Ottawa to announce an expansion to CHEO's pediatric chronic pain program where we added health-care professionals." JOE LOFARO/METRO

Heather Allen, centre, listens to Marlene Rivier of the Ottawa Health Coalition speak about hospital cuts. JOE LOFARO/METRO

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CHELSEA

World's first cat café sans allergens

Want to play with some cats for a few hours while enjoying a cup of coffee and not worrying about allergies?

You're in luck: the world's first hypoallergenic cat café is opening this summer in Chelsea.

Owner Michael Lebrun and his partner Natalie have been spending months preparing to open the Siberian Cat Café, which will give cat lovers a chance to pop by, make some feline friends and let their worries disappear.

The idea has been percolating for awhile. Lebrun loves cats, but his allergies are severe; usually, he can't be with a cat for longer than five minutes before they flare up.

But the couple, who live in Cantley, bought a Siberian cat in 2013 which has low allergen levels, and it's worked out well.

In October, they bought a building — a former soap shop — in the heart of Old Chelsea, and have since done some light renovations in anticipation of opening this summer.

The café now houses three Siberian cats, and four more are on the way. They plan to eventually get up to a maximum of 10 cats next year.

Cat cafés started in Taiwan and became popular in Japan in the mid-2000s before expanding to Europe and then North America. The Siberian Cat Café is partly inspired by Café Chat L'Heureux, which opened in Montreal last year.

Along with being hypoallergenic, Siberian cats are known for being easygoing and friendly — almost dog-like in their friendliness, Lebrun said.

The opening date is set for around July 4, depending on how the cats settle in, Lebrun said.

"The cats really have to make the place their own before we invite people to come in." MICHAEL WOODS/METRO

Michael Lebrun, co-owner of the Siberian Cat Café, cuddles with regular customer Dimitri. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

IN BRIEF

Vimy Memorial Bridge wins engineering award

The Vimy Memorial Bridge was awarded the Gustav Lindenthal Medal Wednesday at the International Bridge Conference in Pittsburgh.

The award recognizes outstanding achievement in bridge engineering that is both esthetically and environmentally pleasing.

The bridge opened July 12, 2014 after several delays. It was renamed from the Strandherd-Armstrong Bridge to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. METRO

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Depression high in nursing homes

HEALTH

Ontario rate well above national figures: Study

Residents of Ontario nursing homes are among the most depressed in Canada, according to performance indicators made public by the Canadian Institute for Health Information.

A web tool, unveiled Wednesday by CIHI, shows that 25.9 per cent of Ontario long-term care residents reported a "worsened depressive mood" in 2013-14; a rate deemed "significantly higher" than the national average of 23.8 per cent.

"It is certainly something that would be cause for further investigation as to what is going on," said Brent Diverty, CIHI's vice-president of programs.

He said depression is important to measure because it affects the quality of life of seniors. He noted it can often be treated if recognized, for example, with medication or therapy.

Depression is just one of nine indicators that CIHI assessed at 1,269 long-term care homes across the country. This represents 57 per cent of homes. The performance reporting tool, known as Your Health System, includes all 628 Ontario homes.

Diverty said the tool is "unprecedented in the world."

There is no other national reporting system of this scale, he said, adding that the interactive tool is publicly accessible to anyone shopping for a long-term care home.

25.9%

The amount of long-term care residents in Ontario who reported symptoms of depression.

Ontario also falls below the national average when it comes to patient mobility.

Some 35.8 per cent of residents suffered from worsening physical functioning, a measurement that looks at whether they are having more trouble or remain completely dependent on help, for example, in getting out of bed and going to the dining room. That compares to a national average of 34 per cent.

Diverty said that when residents are not moving around or interacting, their health could be deteriorating.

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SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

Officer charged with dangerous driving

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

An Ottawa constable has been charged following an investigation by the province's police watchdog of a February incident that ended with a car crashing into an OC Transpo bus near the University of Ottawa.

Ottawa Police Const. William Randal Stockdale is facing one count of dangerous driving causing bodily harm, the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) said in a release Wednesday.

The incident began on the afternoon of Feb. 19 when an Ottawa police officer stopped a vehicle on Belfast Road. When the officer got out of his cruiser, the person in the vehicle fled.

The officer gave chase and followed the vehicle downtown.

A short time later, the vehicle crashed into an OC Transpo bus near Laurier Avenue East and Nicholas Street.

A 39-year-old passenger in the vehicle, Christian St. Louis, sustained injuries and was taken to hospital, the SIU said.

The Special Investigations Unit has charged an Ottawa police officer with dangerous driving. METRO FILE PHOTO

The agency said it has reasonable grounds to believe the officer committed a criminal offence in relation to St. Louis' injuries.

"As this matter is now before the courts, and in consideration of the fair trial interests of the accused and the community, the SIU will make no further comment pertaining to this investigation," the agency said in a release.

Stockdale is scheduled to appear in court on July 21.

The SIU investigates reports involving police where there has been death, serious injury or allegations of sexual assault.

IN BRIEF

Police seize bulletproof vest, guns in drug arrests

Ottawa police say they seized two guns, a bullet-proof vest and thousands of dollars worth of illicit drugs after arresting three men in a vehicle on Tuesday. The traffic stop in the 1200 block of St. Laurent Boulevard led to tactical officers executing two Controlled Drugs and Substances Act warrants elsewhere in the city — one on Tuesday on Norton Avenue shortly after the arrest and another one Wednesday on Russell Road.

Police say the investigation started in mid-May.

Police charged Darby Potter, 30, Eric Denovan, 20, and Kieren Yeo, 21. All three Ottawa men are facing drug- and firearm-related offences.

Denovan and Yeo are scheduled to appear in court Thursday, while Potter was released on a promise to appear in court on July 8.

JOE LOFARO/METRO

A postal carrier delivers mail to the Rockcliffe Park home of Evan Solomon in Ottawa on Wednesday. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The slippery slope

EVAN SOLOMON

Covering the powerful can be an ethical tightrope

News that high-profile CBC politics anchor Evan Solomon was rubbing shoulders — and allegedly brokering secret art deals — with some of the country's biggest movers and shakers did more than just cost him his job.

It also cast an unsparing spotlight on the many murky relationships between the Parliamentary press gallery and the country's political class.

And coming in the midst of the Senate spending meltdown and Mike Duffy trial, Canadians outside the Ottawa bubble can be forgiven for looking at Solomon's clandestine business dealings and thinking, "So that's the way it works, is it?"

In a perfect microcosm of what's been coined an Ottawa "clusterduff," the Torstar News Service story detailing Solomon's art commissions landed like a grenade Tuesday evening at a private, multi-partisan bash held annually by the super-connected Anderson brothers — elbowing Senate accounting out of the common conversation.

Solomon, host of the daily Power and Politics program on CBC News Network and the weekend radio institution The House, should be as attuned as any reporter on the Hill to the devastating conflation of issues — Senate scandal, press hijinks — among the wider public.

In a public statement Wednesday, Solomon, 47, said he was "deeply sorry" for any damage his activities had done to the trust that CBC, its viewers and its listeners put in him.

But the issue is bigger even than the public broadcaster.

BACKGROUND

Before the fall of Solomon

The boyishly handsome anchor of CBC News Network's daily political series Power & Politics and Radio One's flagship political program The House had long been a rising luminary and was widely considered to be a possible successor to Peter Mansbridge as host of The National.

It calls into question how political reporters interact with their subjects and whether any journalist is ever free of being compromised in the pursuit of news.

It is also one of the most difficult subjects to discuss publicly.

Most journalists who have inside access to people of real importance are smart enough not to talk about those relationships with anyone, even their co-workers.

Journalists who have no such access, but instead use government documentation, data analysis, low-level sources and other gumshoe reporting techniques to break stories, are just as unlikely to boast about their weak sourcing at the top.

Most reporters use a combination of methods, and no newsroom is complete without specialists in both.

Sharing a drink with an MP or political operative isn't automatically compromising, and indeed, "how the hell can you do the job without it?" said John Ivison, a columnist with the National Post who frequently breaks stories.

But Solomon's side business is a cautionary tale.

As journalism professors warn their students, be friendly but not friends with the people you write about.

Gord McIntosh, a former Canadian Press investigative journalist who became a lobbyist more than a decade ago, said good reporters have always cultivated relationships with people in low places, as well as high, since that's where a lot of story trails start.

Rubbing shoulders with the powerful, picking up carelessly dropped insider gossip, carries its own ethical perils.

"There is a trap in that. You can't out people" without verifying the information, he said.

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Last year student Rohit Saxena took this dynamic shot of Vintage Trouble at Ottawa Bluesfest. It's shots like these that students will learn to take at the BSOMA concert photography course.
COURTESY ROHIT SAXENA

Photogs shoot for blues stars

BACKSTAGE PASS

Workshop explores the art of concert photography

Trevor Greenway
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What makes the perfect concert photo? A tight action shot of Kanye West in a god-like pose? A close up of Philp Sayce's furious fingers on a fret board? A silhouette of Iggy Azalea's long flowing hair?

It's the question a dozen aspiring concert photographers will be trying to answer when they descend on Ottawa Bluesfest this year following a concert photography workshop at the Bluesfest School of Music and Art.

Armed with quick-thinking DSLRs and enough glass to cure astigmatism, music-loving photogs will get up close with local Bluesfest bands and headliners. For some, it may be the first time ever in a photo pit, bumping elbows with other competitive shooters — all fighting for that perfect light, that balanced composition, the perfect moment.

It's a good thing the workshop isn't being led by a group of hipster Instagrammers who consider selfies modern art. No, actually, the two dudes running arguably the coolest art workshop in the city have some serious accolades.

When Marc DesRosiers isn't shooting tennis, Nascar or MMA for USA Today, you can find him at Bluesfest, documenting the fan experience of Ottawa's premier summer music festival in stunning fashion. He's been doing it for more than 10 years and knows the festival inside and out — the stages, sight lines and all the photographer sweet spots to get that story-telling snap.

And if you've browsed on sites like, oh, say, Time Magazine, Rolling Stone or Billboard, you've likely seen what Mark Horton can do with his shutter finger. He's captured everyone from Metallica and Mötley Crüe to Beck and the mysterious, rarely photographed Björk.

"I have just as much to learn from anybody in my workshop as I have to share," says Horton. "We tend to be a very collective atmosphere. I have never put on a workshop where I haven't learned something. Everybody has something to share."

The course features three in-class sessions where DesRosiers and Horton will run students through everything from composing a shot to managing complicated gear at a busy music festival. The course will also include a full day of concert shooting during the first weekend of the festival and give students full access to main stage photo pits, where, if they are lucky enough, they could get the chance to shoot their favourite artist.

It happened to Horton, and although he got to stand just steps away from one of his favourite bands and take photos, he still felt like he hadn't seen them live yet.

"I have actually shot Rush twice and a few years ago, my wife and I went on a road trip to see them out of town just so that I could go and watch the show without my camera. I get to hear a lot of music, I don't necessarily get to see it all live," he laughed.

And throughout their many years shooting some of the world's biggest artists, has Horton found that "perfect shot?"

If you ask any photographer, they'll tell you to "shoot first and ask questions later."

DETAILS

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Diane Scharf, a veteran Parliament Hill aide, testifies at the trial of suspended senator Mike Duffy, in Ottawa on Tuesday. GREG BANNING/THE CANADIAN PRESS

‘Back-door’ bills are routine: Aide

EXPENSE SCANDAL

Sen. Duffy trial hears of how it has worked ‘for 100 years’

> **Maybe the money for my cellphone came from selling tomatoes at the end of his laneway. ... I didn’t care.**
> Diane Scharf, veteran Parliament Hill aide

“That’s just the way we do things here.” That explanation may fail senators now as they adjust to life in the aftermath of the auditor general’s report on their expenses.

But at Sen. Mike Duffy’s trial Wednesday, veteran Parliament Hill aide Diane Scharf made no bones about it: lawmakers found “back-door” ways of getting things paid for and not just in the Senate.

“This is a common practice at the House of Commons,” said Scharf, referring to an unnamed politician she worked for. “We had staff people working in our office who were paid by a businessman in Toronto. You had to be creative a bit to get bills paid.”

A case in point: Scharf’s cellphone bill. She worked for Duffy for six months in 2011 and was given a mobile device. But Duffy’s office had maxed out the number of phones Senate rules allowed for.

No problem: Scharf was paid several hundred dollars by an Ottawa construction firm run by Duffy’s friend Gerald Donohue. Donohue himself had received $65,000 in research contracts, which in turn served to reimburse or pay others.

“Maybe the money for my cellphone came from selling tomatoes at the end of his laneway. I had no idea, and I didn’t care,” Scharf said flatly.

Duffy has pleaded not guilty to 31 charges of fraud, breach of trust and bribery in connection with his expenses.

When she was interviewed by the RCMP, she offered an example of a cabinet minister holding a major event. She said an individual might take photos at the event, even though such photography is not a valid expense under Commons rules.

“They don’t pay for photographers, but you’re given a little contract. And so that’s how things like that happen, and they have up there for 100 years,” Scharf said during the RCMP interview. “It’s a sort of a back-door way of getting things done.”

Scharf insisted that what she saw inside Duffy’s office was legitimate Senate business — nothing that personally benefited the senator and nothing that deliberately was kept secret.

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Medical privacy bolstered

HEALTH

Province doubling fines and boosting prosecution

Ontario's Liberal government is promising legislation this fall to double the fines for people who access patients' medical records without authority, and make it easier to prosecute offenders.

"There are few things as individuals, and as a society, that we hold more precious than our privacy," said Health Minister Eric Hoskins.

There have been cases of health-care workers inappropriately accessing patients' private records at hospitals in Peterborough, Sault Ste. Marie, Brantford, Toronto, Sarnia and elsewhere, with reports the data were sometimes sold to marketing companies offering education savings plans or baby photography services. Workers at several hospitals accessed the health records of former Toronto mayor Rob Ford.

"It is often the high-profile cases and individuals by the nature of the breach that may get more attention," said Hoskins. "I don't want to speak to the specifics that are being investigated and may be prosecuted."

Hoskins said the new legislation will double fines for violations of patients' privacy to $100,000 for individuals and $500,000 for the hospital or organization. It would also scrap a rule requiring that prosecutions start within six months of the alleged privacy breach, which Hoskins called "a serious barrier" to prosecuting offenders.

"That has made it extremely difficult to conduct an investigation and has made prosecutions very rare," he said.

Only three cases of breaching private medical records have ever been referred for prosecution, and there has never been a successful prosecution under the Personal Health Information Protection Act since it was introduced in 2004. One case was unsuccessful and the two others are still under consideration by the Attorney General's office.

The proposed bill would make it mandatory to report privacy breaches to Ontario's Information and Privacy Commissioner and to the relevant regulatory colleges that govern health-care professionals. The privacy commissioner can't launch prosecutions and can only refer the cases to the attorney general.

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Eric Hoskins makes his way to a cabinet briefing after being sworn in as Ontario health minister at Queens Park in June 2014. Ontario is set to double the fines for medical privacy breaches, making prosecution easier. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **There are few things ... that we hold more precious than our privacy.**
> Eric Hoskins

ROADS

Several charged in 'zero tolerance' blitz

Ottawa police laid 59 criminal charges in a week-long "zero tolerance" blitz in the downtown core from June 1 to June 7 between 11 a.m. and 2:30 a.m.

Among the criminal charges were 20 drug offences.

Police said they also issued 338 provincial offences notices for everything from violations of the Liquor License Act, the Trespass to Property Act, the Safe Streets Act and the Highway Traffic Act.

Eight people wanted on warrants were also arrested through the week-long operation.

"The results of this joint initiative are impressive and even more so when you consider the positive comments and thank yous that our members have received from the public, local business owners and employees, OC Transpo drivers and a local media agency in the area," said Acting Insp. Mike Laviolette, Central District Directorate.

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Ferguson says cost of senate audit modest

SPENDING

$23.6M was within office budget, auditor general says

Auditor General Michael Ferguson says the $23.6-million price tag for his critical audit of Senate spending is not extraordinary for his office.

He said the sweeping two-year probe was paid for within the confines of his budget.

In an interview, Ferguson broke down the costs for the audit released Tuesday.

He said the $23.6 million includes costs that would have been incurred regardless of what the auditors were working on, such as salaries, utilities and office space.

He says those "allocated costs" account for about half the $23.6-million total, putting the direct cost of the audit between $11 million and $12 million.

"That really represents the opportunity costs," Ferguson said. "Those are the auditors that could have been doing something different."

Those direct costs aren't out of the ordinary for a large audit conducted by his office, he said.

On average, Ferguson said, auditors spent about 1,000 hours on each senator under review because some cases were more complicated than auditors expected. He also said his office underestimated how much time each file would take, but "we ended up having to do all of the audit within our regular office budget."

Ferguson has come under criticism for the cost of the audit, given that his work identified just $991,917 worth of wrongful claims out of 80,000 transactions over the two-year span of the audit.

Earlier reports from The Canadian Press had the questionable spending pegged at nearly $977,000, based on having seen portions of the report before it was released Tuesday.

Ferguson said that direct comparison — spending $23.6 million to find less than $1 million in bad claims — shouldn't be the only measure Canadians use to judge the value of the Senate audit.

"In this audit, because people can look at what it costs and they can look at these itemizations, there's this natural sort of tendency to compare the million dollars to the ($23.6 million)," Ferguson said.

"It's easy to add up what we found and to look at the cost and do that strict comparison, but I think there's a lot more behind that to get to understanding." THE CANADIAN PRESS

1,000

Average number of hours spent on reviewing each senator, according to Auditor General Michael Ferguson

Auditor General Michael Ferguson is interviewed in his Ottawa office Wednesday. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CITIZENSHIP OATH

Tories promise to ban face coverings

The Harper government is planing to bring in legislation to ban face coverings at citizenship ceremonies.

Tim Uppal, the minister of state for multiculturalism, says the government supports Quebec legislation that would require people to have their faces uncovered when giving or receiving government services.

The Alberta MP says Canadians expect that people who are taking the oath at citizenship ceremonies should do so without covering their faces.

Earlier this year, the Federal Court ruled against a government policy requiring people to remove face coverings when taking the citizenship oath. Prime Minister Stephen Harper promised an appeal. Uppal is saying the government will now set that policy in law. Most Canadians would agree, he added, echoing Harper's argument against face coverings at citizenship ceremonies. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"We broadly support Quebec's legislation regarding the uncovering of faces for giving and receiving public services.

Tim Uppal, minister of state for multiculturalism

EARTHQUAKE

Canadians among foreigners detained over naked photos

Malaysian police said Wednesday that they have detained four Westerners — including two Canadians — suspected of posing naked at the country's highest peak last month, just days before an earthquake killed 18 climbers on the mountain.

Police obtained a court order to detain them for four days while they're investigated for indecent behaviour, said Sabah state police chief Jalaluddin Abdul Rahman.

Two siblings from Saskatchewan and a Dutch man surrendered themselves at a police station in Sabah on Tuesday evening, he said. A British woman was detained at a Sabah airport earlier Tuesday while trying to fly to Kuala Lumpur.

DAMAGES

The earthquake damaged roads and buildings, including schools and a hospital on Sabah's west coast. It also broke one of the twin rock formations known as the "Donkey's Ears."

Malaysia's Foreign Affairs Ministry earlier identified the siblings to The Canadian Press as Lindsey Petersen and Danielle Petersen.

Lindsey Petersen, an engineering graduate from the University of Regina, has detailed his travels throughout Asia over the last seven months on Facebook. When his sister joined him in Bali in April, he referred to them as the "dynamic duo."

The pair were believed to be part of a group of 10 people who stripped naked before taking photos at Mount Kinabalu on May 30.

A magnitude-5.9 earthquake Friday sent rocks and boulders raining down the 4,095-meter-high mountain in Sabah on Borneo island, killing 18 climbers.

Sabah Deputy Chief Minister Joseph Pairin Kitingan has blamed the tragedy on the foreigners for showing "disrespect to the sacred mountain" by posing naked at the peak. He has said a special ritual will be conducted to "appease the mountain spirit." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, left, speaks while Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin listens during a news conference in front of the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, N.Y., on Wednesday. Police resumed house-to-house searches near the maximum-security prison in northern New York that David Sweat and Richard Matt escaped from. SETH WENIG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police resume search for escaped convicts

PRISON BREAK

No sign of either man after fifth day of manhunt

Police in body armour resumed house-to-house searches near the maximum-security prison in northern New York where two killers escaped using power tools, authorities said Wednesday.

On the fifth day of looking for David Sweat and Richard Matt, state police said the house searches aren't the result of any new leads and law enforcement is retracing its steps in Dannemora, just over 30 kilometres from the Canadian border.

"They'll be doing a 100 per cent sweep from the prison right out, see how that goes," said David Favro, the sheriff for Clinton County, where the prison is located.

Law enforcement officials reiterated their plea for the public's help in reporting anything unusual in the area.

"We don't want them out searching the woods," Favro said. "But if you're sitting on your porch, get your binoculars out and see if you see something unusual."

Sweat, 34, and Matt, 48, cut through a steel wall, broke through bricks and crawled through a steam pipe before emerging through a manhole outside the prison grounds.

"They'll be doing a 100 per cent sweep from the prison right out.
Sheriff David Favro

They were discovered missing early Saturday after stuffing their beds with clothes to fool guards, leaving behind a taunting note: "Have a nice day."

There was speculation that the inmates had arranged for someone to pick them up outside the prison and were long gone from the area, even in Canada or as far as Mexico.

The escape from the 3,000-inmate state prison has raised suspicions the men had help on the inside. Investigators have been questioning prison workers and contractors to uncover who may have supplied the power tools.

Sweat was convicted in the 2002 killing of a sheriff's deputy and was doing life without parole. Matt was serving 25 years to life for kidnapping and dismembering his boss in 1997.

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CLIMATE CHANGE

Ethiopia pledges emission reduction by 2030

Ethiopia on Wednesday became the latest country to present a plan to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions for a global climate pact to be adopted later this year.

Ethiopia said with support from developed nations it would bring them down slightly by 2030. Early analyses by climate researchers and environmental groups show the combined impact falls short of the sharp cuts in emissions scientists say are required. Here is a look at what the big polluters' plans:

Canada
Canada has been widely viewed as a laggard in the UN climate talks. Ottawa has pledged to cut emissions by 30 per cent below 2005 levels in 2030.

Observers have dismissed that target as too weak, but also question whether it can be achieved.

United States
The biggest climate polluter historically and current No. 2, the U.S. aims to make its 2025 emissions 26-28 per cent lower than in 2005.

The U.S. said it plans to hit its target using a range of measures, including stricter standards on carbon pollution and reducing the use of highly potent greenhouse gases used in refrigeration and air conditioning.

China
In a historic joint announcement with the U.S. in November 2014, the world's most populous country and top climate polluter indicated it would pledge to peak its emissions around 2030. Analysts say it will depend on whether the country can reduce its dependency on coal.

European Union
Collectively, the 28-nation EU is the world's third-largest source of greenhouse gas emissions. The bloc has pledged to cut its emissions by at least 40 per cent by 2030 compared to 1990.

Renewables like wind and solar make up 15 per cent of its energy mix. The EU aims to boost that to 27 per cent in 15 years.

Russia
Moscow has pledged to reduce greenhouse gas pollution by 25 to 30 per cent by 2030, compared to 1990 levels. It's unclear how Russia plans to account for the effect of its vast forestry sector absorb carbon from the atmosphere. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILITARY

U.S. set to deploy new troops to Iraq

President Barack Obama ordered the deployment of up to 450 more American troops to Iraq on Wednesday in an effort to reverse major battlefield losses to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, an escalation but not a significant shift in the struggling U.S. strategy to defeat the extremist group.

The U.S. forces will open a fifth training site in the country, this one dedicated specifically to helping the Iraqi Army integrate Sunni tribes into the fight, an element seen as a crucial to driving the ISIL out of the Sunni-majority areas of western Iraq.

The immediate objective is to win back the key city of Ramadi, which was seized by extremists last month. The plan is not a change in the U.S. strategy, the administration says, but addresses a need to get Sunnis more involved in the fight.

Some local citizens in Sunni-majority areas fear an invasion and reprisals from Iran-backed Shiite militia even more than domination by ISIL, underscoring a need for any military campaign there to be led by local fighters.

The mission there will be more about advising Iraqi forces on operations against ISIL militants in Anbar than about providing individual troop training, said Col. Steve Warren, a Pentagon spokesman. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BACKGROUND

Ready at a moment's notice
The U.S. insists that American troops will not have a combat role, but in the deployment of its forces Deputy National Security Adviser Benjamin Rhodes said the U.S. must "be nimble because this is clearly a very nimble enemy." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EGYPT

Suicide bomber dies in attack on temple

A suicide bomber blew himself up Wednesday close to the ancient pharaonic temple of Karnak in southern Egypt, a site visited by millions every year, the government said. No tourists were hurt, and the Nile-side monument was not damaged.

The attack was the second this month near a major tourist attraction in Egypt, marking a shift in tactics in a campaign of violence waged by Islamic militants against the government of President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi. The attacks suggest extremists are shifting from shootings and bombings of security forces to targeting Egypt's vital industry.

The industry is only just beginning to recover from the turmoil in the country since 2011. On June 3, gunmen on a motorcycle opened fire outside the famed Giza Pyramids on the outskirts of Cairo, killing two police officers.

In Wednesday's violence, officials said security at Karnak prevented the suicide bomber from entering the temple complex, and their forces battled two gunmen who were with him, killing one and capturing the other. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

EU police make arrests over identity fraud scam
Police have arrested dozens of suspects in an international investigation into a cybercrime gang that siphoned millions of euros from victims' accounts in an identity fraud scam. European Union justice agency Eurojust announced Wednesday that 49 suspects were arrested a day earlier.

The fraud involved stealing victims' data such as usernames and passwords, in a process known as phishing, and diverting money from them and their customers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Turkish president 'open' to all coalition options
Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan "is open to" all possible coalition options for a new government, including a partnership which would exclude the ruling party that he founded, a senior opposition legislator said Wednesday.

The ruling Justice and Development Party got around 41 per cent of the votes in Sunday's election, but lost its parliamentary majority, forcing it to seek a coalition partnership or a fragile minority government.

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INDONESIA HIGH ALERT North Sumatra's Mount Sinabung spews material from its crater Wednesday after authorities issued the highest alert level last week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Francis tackles abusive bishops

VATICAN

New tribunal would judge crimes that involve minors

Pope Francis took the biggest step yet to crack down on bishops who cover up for priests who rape and molest children, creating a new tribunal section inside the Vatican to hear cases of bishops accused of failing to protect their flock.

The initiative, announced Wednesday, has significant legal and theological implications. Bishops have long been considered masters of their dioceses and largely unaccountable when they bungled their job. The Vatican stepped in only in cases of gross negligence.

That reluctance to intervene has prompted years of criticism from abuse victims, advocacy groups and others that the Vatican had failed to punish or forcibly remove bishops who moved predator priests from parish to parish, rather than report them to police or remove them from ministry.

The Vatican said Francis had approved proposals made by his sexual abuse advisory board, which includes survivors of abuse as well as experts in child protection policies. They call for a new mechanism by which the Vatican can receive and examine complaints of "abuse of office" by bishops, and bring them to trial in a Vatican tribunal.

A special new judicial section, with permanent staff, will be created inside the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith "to judge bishops with regard to crimes of the abuse of office when connected to the abuse of minors," a Vatican statement said.

Details must still be worked out, including possible punishments and the statute of limitations to determine whether old cases of negligence by bishops dating back 20 or 30 years can now be heard.

The congregation currently reviews all cases of priests who have abused minors and the statute of limitations is 20 years, though the congregation can waive that limit.

"Let's be prudent, stay vigilant and withhold judgment."
David Clohessy of SNAP

"Really pleased the Holy Father has approved our proposal," commission member Marie Collins, herself a survivor of abuse, said in an email.

The main U.S. victims group SNAP was more cautious, noting that there are bishops currently in office who have delayed reporting abuse and yet remain unpunished.

"In the face of this widespread denial, timidity and inaction, let's be prudent, stay vigilant and withhold judgment until we see if and how this panel might act," said SNAP's David Clohessy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GEORGIA COURT

Abortion murder charge dropped

A Georgia prosecutor dropped a murder charge Wednesday against a 23-year-old woman whose arrest after taking pills to end her pregnancy baffled even abortion opponents.

Dougherty County District Attorney Greg Edwards issued a statement saying he had dismissed a malice murder charge against 23-year-old Kenlissia Jones, who spent about three days in jail before she was released. But Edwards said Jones still faces a misdemeanour charge of possession of a dangerous drug.

Abortion-rights advocates and opponents of abortion alike had said they were stunned by the murder charge. Georgia has prohibited the prosecution of women for feticide or for performing illegal abortions in cases involving their own pregnancies. After reviewing the law, Edwards said he reached the same conclusion.

Jones was arrested Saturday at the hospital where she sought help after a county social services worker called police, according to an Albany police report.

A hospital social worker told police that Jones had taken four Cytotec pills that she ordered online and delivered her fetus after breaking up with her boyfriend. Cytotec is a brand name for misoprostol, a prescription drug used in combination with mifepristone to induce non-surgical abortions. The pills are sold with prescriptions in the U.S., but available over the counter and online in many countries.

The social worker told police Jones went into labour and delivered the fetus in a car on the way to the hospital. The fetus did not survive.

The police report does not say how far along Jones was in her pregnancy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMTRAK CRASH

Engineer wasn't texting: NTSB

The engineer driving an Amtrak train wasn't using his cellphone to talk, text or download data just before the train derailed in Philadelphia last month, safety investigators said Wednesday.

The updated National Transportation Safety Board report deepened the mystery of what caused the accident that killed eight and injured about 200.

The NTSB also said the engineer, Brandon Bostian, didn't access the train's Wi-Fi system while he was operating the locomotive.

Investigators had said previously that the train accelerated to 170 km/h in the last minute before entering a curve where the speed limit is 80 km/h. In the last few seconds the brakes were applied with maximum force, but the train was still travelling at over 160 km/h when it left the tracks.

Bostian suffered a head injury in the May 12 crash, and his attorney has said the engineer doesn't remember anything after the train pulled out of Philadelphia's 30th Street Station, the last stop before the derailment.

Bostian provided investigators with his passcode to the phone, allowing them access to the data without having to go through the phone manufacturers, the NTSB said.

To determine whether the phone was in "airplane mode" or was powered off, investigators in NTSB's laboratory have been examining the phone's operating system, which contains more than 400,000 files of metadata. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Air Canada, WestJet nix limits

TRAVEL

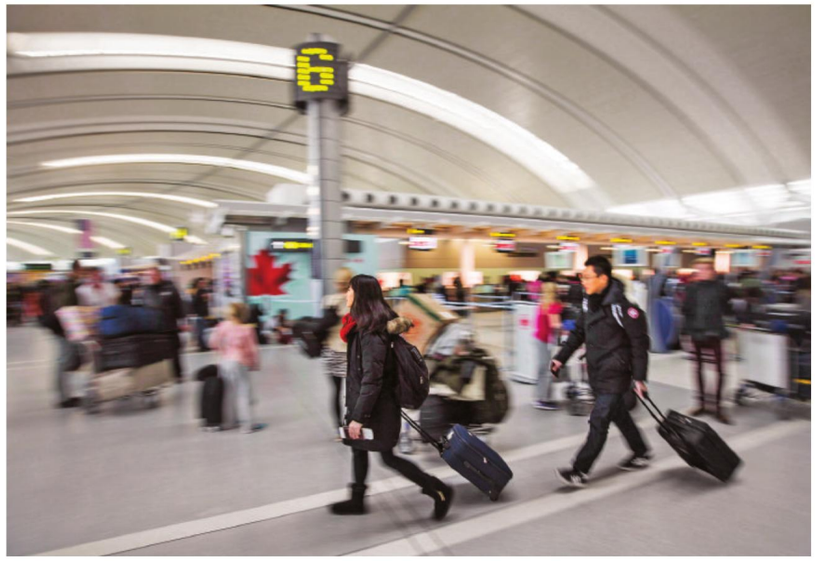
Carriers won't follow others in reducing cabin bag size

Air Canada and Westjet say they won't reduce the size of permitted carry-on luggage to go along with new voluntary international guidelines.

Air Canada, which requires passengers to check baggage larger than its maximum carry-on dimensions, said Wednesday it is satisfied with its luggage size rules but supports the general concept of industry harmonization.

"It would be easier if everyone drove on the same side of the road, and most people would agree with that," Air Canada spokesman Peter Fitzpatrick said in an email. "The debate is over which side that should be, and that could go on a very long time and is ultimately speculative."

The International Air Transport Association says many airlines have agreed to reduce the size of carry-on bags to optimize cabin storage space.



People carry luggage at Pearson International Airport in Toronto. MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bags measuring no more than 21.5 x 13.5 x 7.5 inches (55 x 35 x 20 centimetres) will be tagged with an "IATA Cabin OK" logo.

The dimensions are slightly smaller than what is permitted on Air Canada and WestJet flights.

Air Canada's bag must be no larger than 21.5 x 15.5 x 9 inches. WestJet's limits are slightly smaller at 21 x 15 x 9 inches.

"Currently we have no plans to change our carry-on allowance size," said WestJet spokeswoman Brie Thorsteinson Ogle in an email. "However, we evaluate and evolve guidelines when necessary to ensure they meet the necessary requirements for our guests and our operations."

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IATA says the new carry-on bag size is intended to bring "common sense and order" to the problem of differing sizes.

"We know the current situation can be frustrating for passengers," senior vice-president Tom Windmuller said in a news release. "This work will help to iron out inconsistencies."

Fitzpatrick said Air Canada's larger carry-on baggage dimensions means anyone flying on planes following IATA guidelines will meet the airline's size requirements for carry-ons.

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ENERGY

Scientists want end to oilsands projects

A group of 100 leading Canadian and U.S. scientists has issued an urgent call for a moratorium on new oilsands development and listed 10 reasons why no more projects should be permitted.

The text — signed by economists, biologists, climatologists and political scientists — has been sent to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and all members of Parliament. The signatories include 12 fellows of the Royal Society of Canada, 22 members of the US National Academy and a Nobel Prize winner.

They are careful to include in their warning all high-carbon energy sources, including coal and other types of unconventional oil, but it's focused on the oilsands.

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>
> David Keith

"No new oilsands or related infrastructure projects should proceed unless consistent with an implemented plan to rapidly reduce carbon pollution, safeguard biodiversity, protect human health and respect treaty rights," the letter says.

"Everyone in this group really sees what climate change is starting to do to our ecosystems and the potential for harming society in major ways," says David Schindler, a University of Alberta ecologist.

The harm will be more than environmental, suggested David Keith, who teaches both physics and public policy at Harvard.

"The world is going to gradually decarbonize and the decisions will not be driven from Alberta," he said.

"The deeper we get into a commitment to these large projects, the better off we are in the very short term, but the worse off we are in the long term.

"We'll be worse off economically when there are real restrictions on carbon emissions."

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IN BRIEF

U.S. Congress voting on killing meat-labelling law

The United States Congress is poised to take a big step back from a potential trade war with Canada. A law at the heart of a cross-border dispute faces a key vote in the House of Representatives and, if it's adopted there as expected, it would face a final test in the Senate. The legislation would repeal a requirement for country-of-origin labels for meat, mandatory grocery stickers explaining where livestock was born, raised and slaughtered.

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Marriott begins rollout of Netflix in hotel rooms

Marriott is welcoming cord cutters, making Netflix available to guests in its hotel rooms. Guests can use their own accounts to sign in to the streaming service right now at six hotels. Marriott plans to expand the service to 100 hotels by the end of 2015, and to nearly all of its more than 300 U.S. locations by the end of next year. Non-subscribers can sign up for an account through Marriott International Inc. during their stay at the same price offered by Netflix.

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NYC eyes high-sodium warnings on menus

New York City's Health Department voted on Wednesday to consider a proposal that all chain restaurants add a salt-shaker-like symbol on menus next to products that contain more than the recommended daily limit. That's 2,300 milligrams of sodium, about one teaspoon of salt. Now a public comment period begins, and a final vote could come as soon as September and the warnings by December. New York City would become the first U.S. city with the labels if the measure passes.

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THE BIG THING: MILLENNIAL-SPEAK

Taco Bell CEO Brian Niccol has made a concerted effort to get the company's staff to connect with its young customer base. Each week, they receive an email with a new vocabulary word curated by a group of 20-somethings and designed to help older folks keep up. Opinions are mixed as to whether this is a business-savvy way to engage the next generation of spenders, or a desperate move best described with a word that transcends generations: LAME. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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#TBT
A term nostalgia-prone millenials use on social media for "throwback Thursday."

Lit
Awesome, crazy, busy, hopping. "That party was lit." When used to describe a person, "lit" means drunk or high.

Bae
A short form for "baby" and acronym for "before anyone else," popularized by a Pharrell Williams song.

On fleek
A variation of the more common "on point," meaning very stylish and refined. This neologism came from the video-sharing site Vine. "Shoe game on fleek."

Feels
Intense emotions. "This story about a blind goat with a seeing-eye dog is giving me All. The. Feels."

Throwing shade
Hurling insults in a highly skilful and passive-aggressive manner. This term originated in the drag community.

"I love how much you don't care about how you look."

"Ooh, throwing shade."

Basic
A description of someone, especially a woman, whose taste is so generic that she possesses no personality of her own. "Kayla loves Starbucks and scented candles. She's so basic. "

AF
An intensifier used primarily in texting and social media. Short for "as f--k," as in "dumb AF," "cute AF," "crazy AF."

Boom
An expression of emphasis; a four-letter statement of "I rest my case."

Bible A short form for "I swear on the Bible" for which we have the Kardashians to thank. "I don't have any homework today. Bible!"

Dat...doe An alternative to "that..though." Used to bookend in constructions that point out general awesomeness, especially in relation to something cute online. "Dat kitten doe."

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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As attention to a women's issue goes, we choose poorly

It's been two weeks of Caitlyn Jenner. Are we done yet?

Buckets of ink and hours of airtime and seemingly endless web pages have dissected and pontificated on every possible angle: that she's a trans hero, that she represents an elite trans experience, that she's sexy, that's she's been treated with sexism by the media, that she's a bad feminist (if a feminist at all) for coming out as a sex kitten, that she's a bad woman for embodying worn stereotypes of the so-called weaker sex.

Are you tired of it yet? I am.

As far as extended public attention to a women's cause goes, we chose poorly, friends.

The time we have devoted to that slick cover, and the effort we all took to really understand what it meant, has far outlasted what it deserved.

Meanwhile, we could have been writing about Chelsey Buchanan, a Halifax woman who's opened her home to abortion seekers from PEI, where there's no access to surgical abortions. Or writing about the war on abortion clinics in the U.S.

We might have dissected the recent words of a British Nobel scientist who called co-ed labs bad for science, because women are distracting to men.

Our energies could have been turned to research from Columbia Business School that says women's absence in boardrooms isn't due to female competitiveness, but to implicit company gender quotas. (In 2013, the Conference Board of Canada felt the need to argue the "business case" for women on company boards, as if we could be bad for the bottom line.)

If feminist reading is what you're after, why not disappear into the New Yorker's lengthy look at Angela Merkel, often the only female face in photo-ops of the world's most powerful leaders?

Jenner is so very far from the most important fodder for a debate on the state of feminism. Try: women earn one quarter less than men in Ontario; more than 3,000 women in Canada seek emergency shelter from domestic abuse on any given day; we account for 25 per cent of parliamentarians; globally, girls are twice as likely to be malnourished.

Yes, Jenner's was a dramatic reveal. Yes, it's good to put trans issues in the spotlight. But her photo op is not a pivotal moment for women.

It's just one very well shot, well-orchestrated and likely high-selling cover from a magazine devoted to opulence, power and sex.

Time, my friends, to move on.

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Floaty, feminine and fierce at Gucci

RESORT COLLECTION

New creative director leans on animal kingdom

In florals that matched the comfy chairs for his guests, in cat-eye glasses and dragonflies and bees and tigers and snakes, Gucci's new creative director Alessandro Michele put on a whimsical, eclectic show Thursday for his first resort collection.

Animal-kingdom adornments, splashes of disco lame, feminine sheers that exposed nipples and both warm and bold purples, yellows and pinks highlighted Michele's 62 looks for men and woman. Ruffles trimmed ladylike suits and high heels were chunky on sparkly mules.

Michele — who replaced Frida Giannini after her departure in January — closed a Chelsea street so the models could cross to the other side and enter his industrial space just as rolling metal gates were lifted. He covered floors with inviting oriental rugs.

The shaggy-haired, big-bearded designer in a slouchy white T-shirt, bracelets and fingers full of rings, greeted guests with warm hugs and a laugh. He said this collection, coming soon after his February debut in Milan, was focused on individual style.

"It's a kind of personal eccentricism," he said in a post-show interview. "It's a mix from the past and the present and from the soul, so you can believe in the way you dress," he said. "Everything matches together in a beautiful way in my mind."

Prepster stripes represented (on a silver bomber jacket he paired with an emerald green lace dress). So did '70s disco. Western-style touches added to his mix.

One cosy stripe coat was decorated with silver sparkle dragonflies and another was quilted in pale pink, trimmed with fur at the cuffs and worn with a Betty Draper scarf around a model's head. Some dresses flowed in tiers of ruffles while others were neatly pleated.

"It's about that feeling when a beautiful woman, where there's something that you do not expect," Michele said.

> **It's a kind of personal eccentricism.**
> Alessandro Michele

Has Michele, who has toiled for Gucci for 12 years, settled into his new role as creative director? He said he's getting there.

"Not quite relaxed," he laughed. "For a big company like Gucci, it's never-ending."

Dakota Johnson, Sam and Aaron Taylor-Johnson and Gucci president and CEO Marco Bizzarri attended. So did Alexander Wang and Joseph Altuzarra.

Wang considers Michele a welcome breath of fresh air.

"He's just getting started but he's really put his own stamp on who the new Gucci girl is. It's exciting," he said.

Altuzarra said Michele is "evolving the language of the house in a really interesting way, in a way that feels really fresh."

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MELISSA RIVERS

Reading from the Book of Joan

Melissa Rivers wanted to laugh — and she wants her readers to do the same.

Consider it mission accomplished on both counts, thanks to her bestselling memoir, The Book of Joan: Tales of Mirth, Mischief and Manipulation (Crown Archetype). It's a touching, revealing and above all funny paean to her mother, Joan Rivers, who died last year at 81 after complications from minor throat surgery.

The book is free of a daughter's grief, or her undeniable anger. (Rivers has filed a malpractice lawsuit against the Manhattan clinic where she says her mother suffered what she has called "shocking and, frankly, almost incomprehensible" incompetence.) Instead, the approach is lighthearted, affectionate — and funny.

"Writing it gave me permission to laugh and joke, and a safe place to do so," says Rivers, who, still reeling from her loss last fall, set to work with her writing partner, Larry Amoros, a long-time family friend and writer for Joan who could add his own rich store of recollections.

The book nods at an early concept offered by the publisher: a collection of Lessons I Learned From My Mother. It was an idea Rivers balked at. "I don't know if people would want to take that advice," she laughs.

Yes, there was a method to Joan's madness, but it formed the logical underpinnings of someone who didn't always cater to logic.

Joan on marriage: "Your father didn't care if I went to bed mad. He cared if I went to Bergdorf mad."

Joan on cosmetic surgery: "Better to have a new you coming out of an old car than an old you coming out of a new car."

Rivers, now 47, grew up close to both her parents. Joan and Melissa were also bonded professionally. Together they blazed a new frontier of style and snark on the glitziest red carpets, while Joan became a connoisseur of couture catastrophes as host of Fashion Police, which Melissa produced.

That show, minus queen bee Joan, returned on E! in January and promptly suffered a meltdown with cast strife and the abrupt departures of panellist Kelly Osbourne and new host Kathy Griffin. It is off the air again until fall.

"We came back too fast. None of us was ready," says Rivers. "It was extremely painful. I spent way too much time crying about the show and what it represents to me. But we learned."

The pain of loss is ever-present in Rivers' life. Her mother's death is all too recent while, even after three decades, she says she still misses her father, who committed suicide in 1987.

But Joan Rivers wasn't afraid of death, her daughter insists.

"It was an obsession: 'This is gonna happen.' But we would discuss it as calmly as you'd ask for a glass of water. She was very much at peace with the idea."

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Joan Rivers and Melissa Rivers. EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On life 'After Perfect'

Christina McDowell's new novel recounts her father's downfall. HANDOUT

INTERVIEW

Daughter of Wall Street criminal tells all in memoir

Emily Laurence
Metro in New York City

Growing up in an affluent Washington, D.C. suburb, Christina McDowell (née Christina Prousalis) had a picture-perfect life. But at 18, her life came crashing down when her father, Tom Prousalis, was arrested for fraud in connection with the conviction of Jordan Belfort, who was characterized in The Wolf of Wall Street.

McDowell's father went to prison and her family lost everything. She opens up to us about her decision to tell the story from her point of view in her new memoir, After Perfect.

The book is so personal. Was it a difficult decision to be so open?
I started writing my story many, many years ago as a way to process everything that was happening, but I fictionalized it because it was too painful to write any other way. I showed it to a couple of friends and they said, "No, it's not working."

This is a case of life being stranger than fiction. I started collecting letters, emails and everything from that time in my life and it slowly turned into a memoir. For me, it was about healing. It created a pathway to the truth and I learned more about myself than I think I ever intended to.

When The Wolf of Wall Street came out, you wrote an open letter criticizing the film's glorification of greed. Did you see the movie as a mockery of your life?
I just couldn't understand why Martin Scorcese would chose to make a movie about a man who had hurt so many people and exclude the victims. Whether he meant it to or not, it opened up a lot of wounds for many, many people and I know that because I received thousands of emails of support from people sharing their personal stories.

Learning of your father's crime must have been really confusing for you because you grew up idolizing him quite a bit.
Oh, of course. I think every child can relate to this idea of putting your parents up on a pedestal.

I had a really hard time when it happened. It happened when I was 18. At that age, legally you're an adult, but you're not prepared for the real world.

You're really active with InsideOut Writers, a non-profit for incarcerated youth. Do you think your past influenced your decision to work with them?
Absolutely. I relate to them because of my own feeling of abandonment, struggle to survive and being touched by the criminal justice system.

Writing is what healed you, so now you're helping them heal in the same way.
Exactly. Writing is so healing and we use it as a way to transform ourselves. We have the best time.

What is your viewpoint on money and wealth now?
I don't think there's anything wrong with having money or seeking to live a big life, but I do believe in ethical and moral boundaries with money. When you cross an ethical and moral line, that's where greed comes in and I certainly don't believe in living a greedy life.

> **"I do not have a relationship with my father today."**
> Christina McDowell

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BOOK NOTES

Newsworthy
Former journalist Linwood Barclay returns to the newsroom with Broken Promises, out July 28, about an unemployed reporter who uncovers some unsettling happenings in his small town, including a serial killer and an ancient Ferris wheel coming to life.
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Detective work
There are only two months to catch up on Chief Inspector Gamache's sleuthing before the 11th instalment of Louise Penny's bestselling Quebec mystery series, The Nature of the Beast, which arrives Aug. 25. SUE CARTER FOR METRO

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3 CRIME NOVELS TO READ THIS SUMMER

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Sue Carter

Canada may not have as many big-name marquee crime authors as there are in the U.S. and U.K., but our writers can deliver chilling twists and turns with the best of them (must be the weather). Here are some must-read thrillers, including CanLit selections.

Stephen King's new novel Finders Keepers — a guaranteed must-read for fans of his psychological horror Misery — will no doubt be packed into a lot of beach bags this summer. But for those who like their mystery-thrillers set a little closer to home, there are plenty of options from CanLit writers such as Linwood Barclay, Peter Robinson, Louise Penny and Giles Blunt.

Plot twists in period novel

This historical mystery by U.K.-based author Seán Haldane won the Arthur Ellis Award, Canada's biggest crime-novel prize.

Set in 1860s Victoria, the story follows British police officer Chad Hobbes, who is tasked with solving the violent murder of Dr. McCrory, an American psychiatrist whose unconventional healing methods include "phrenology, Mesmerism and sexual-mystical magnetation." A local medicine man is suspected as the murderer, but Hobbes soon discovers there's more to the case than anyone expected.

Scarier than housing prices

For her debut crime novel, award-winning poet Susan Glickman found inspiration in her own neighbourhood.

Set in Toronto's quiet tree-lined Hillcrest Village, the story follows a woman named Liz who discovers the dead body of a real estate agent near her home.

Liz becomes obsessed with his murder, partnering with a retired professor to solve the mystery, despite the police urging the amateur sleuths to back off.

Mafia Princess in the prairies

Caterina Edwards' latest book may be the first Mafia literary-noir novel ever with ties to Edmonton.

Fulvia, the "Mafia Princess," escapes her dutiful life in Sicily and moves to Alberta, only to have her husband murdered back home.

Through the killing, she becomes connected to Marisa, the investigating chief of police, facing her own troubles as a woman running a station full of male officers who've made it clear they don't want her there.

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Paltrow's awkward family vacation

SUMMER SLEEPOVER

New partners of uncoupled duo to holiday with the kids

IN HOLLYWOOD
Ned Ehrbar

There's showing off that you're totally OK with your ex-husband dating again, and then there's this, which is just plain weird: Gwyneth Paltrow is planning, depending on whom you talk to, a family vacation where she and Chris Martin each bring along their significant others — Glee co-creator Brad Falchuk for her, Jennifer Lawrence for him — or she's planning an intimate couples' retreat for the foursome that just so happens to also include their kids.

Either way, yikes.

"Gwyneth recognizes it's time for Jen to meet the whole family, and she wants Chris to be there for Brad's first proper bonding experience with the children," a source tells RadarOnline.

"The plan is to spend a week together in Hawaii as soon as all their schedules permit, but definitely before the end of summer."

If you think this is a terrible idea, Lawrence is apparently right there with you: "Jen is dreading it," the source adds.

"Chris is still spellbound by Gwyneth and her rules, so he's insisting on it."

Happy trails?

> **Chris is spellbound by Gwyneth and her rules.**
> RadarOnline source

Clockwise from top left: Brad Falchuk, Chris Martin, jennifer Lawrence and Gwyneth Paltrow. ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

DIVORCE RUMOURS

Jen fed up with Ben

This certainly won't help all those divorce rumours swirling around Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner's marriage. The latest?

"She can't take it anymore. She's been consulting with a high-profile divorce lawyer," a source tells Life & Style, adding that while Garner was in Montreal recently for work, "she got a call that Ben was 40 minutes late to pick up the kids from school. She had to scramble to arrange another ride for them."

While that might not seem like a major infraction, it's apparently one of those last-straw situations.

"She doesn't trust Ben alone with the kids," the source says. "Custody is not negotiable."

This sounds like it will be the opposite of fun.

GOSSIPGIRL SMACKDOWN

Mindy handles heat

The folks over at GossipGirl.com went a bit out of their way to call out Mindy Kaling for her fashion choices by dubbing her a "hot mess."

Oh, and they even snuck in a little dig at her fans, writing, "Mindy Kaling is one of those 'woman of the people' types who basics find soooooo hilars."

That stings, Gossip Girl. That really stings.

Anyway, Kaling herself was more than able to defend herself, tweeting back simply, "Whoa, you guys are d—s."

And she has a point.

XOXO.

GOSSIP NOTES

The Glee tell-all you never asked for is coming

And they say publishing is a dying industry.

Naya Rivera just inked a deal to have a "memoir" published in spring 2016 with the snappy title Sorry Not Sorry: Dream, Mistakes and Growing Up.

Rivera promises "so many juicy stories about my life. Glee, guys, growing up and so much more," while the publisher pitches it as "candid thoughts on topics ranging from dating to the challenges of being mixed race in Hollywood."

So if you're one of those unique folks who is desperate for tawdry behind-the-scenes tales from Glee, but you're also willing to wait about a year, then this is great news for you.

Naya Rivera

Michael Jackson fans try to stop Neverland sale

Michael Jackson's fans are not thrilled about plans to unload the late singer's most notable asset, the Neverland Ranch near Santa Barbara, Calif.

They're so incensed, actually, that they've started a petition to halt a potential sale.

"Neverland, Michael Jackson's house, is one of the most important places for Michael Jackson's fans," the petition, already signed by nearly 8,000 fans, reads. "It's one of the reminders that we have of Michael."

The attempts to petition Jackson's estate, however, have been a bit misguided, since the property is actually owned by Colony Capital.

> **It's one of the reminders we have of Michael.**
> Petition to halt the sale of Neverland

"As has been said in previous statements from the Estate, both to the media and to the fan community, the Estate is very disappointed over the decision by Colony Capital to sell Neverland," a spokesman says.

"Unfortunately, that does not change the reality that the Estate is not in a position to stop the sale of the property."

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What they're a$king

OUR CITY

This week, we looked for the smallest condos we could find in town. Designed with investors in mind, or for those looking to get into their first condo purchase or a pied-à-terre. **Duncan McAllister** FOR METRO

$294,900

Ottawa

Here's a 635-sq. ft. unit at 354 Gladstone Ave., in downtown Ottawa, with excellent views from the eighth floor. The Central Phase One condo building, built by Urban Capital in 2012, features floor-to-ceiling windows and large balconies. It is close to shopping and services, including an LCBO, Starbucks, and Shoppers Drug Mart. The appliance package is included in the price of the unit. Building amenities include a party room with a pool table and projection TV, and an exercise room. Eric Perron is a sales representative with Re/Max Affiliates Realty, 613-825-8683.

$117,500

Calgary

An affordable, well-kept condo in the Applewood community offers all the basic amenities in a compact design of 258 sq. ft. It would make a great home base for someone looking to downsize. The suite includes a stove, clean fridge, well-maintained washer and dryer, and Beechwood countertop. The unit features durable tile and hardwood flooring and a private balcony on the top floor of a clean and quiet pet-friendly building. For sale by owner through the Comfree Commonsense Network, 403-589-1915.

$144,900

Edmonton

Here's a top-floor, 538-sq. ft., spacious one-bedroom, one-bathroom condo suite that's close to everything: downtown, shopping, and public transit. The renovated unit has a large living room and access to the balcony that spans the length of the condo. The galley-style kitchen has plenty of cupboard space and opens into an eating nook. The building features a laundry room and assigned parking. Brent MacIntosh is a sales representative with Re/Max River City, 780-445-0091.

$178,900

Vancouver

This 490-sq. ft., one-bedroom suite is in trendy "LoLo", an area in North Vancouver called Lower Lonsdale. It's close to the Lonsdale Quay Market, Waterfront Park and the SeaBus. The Forbes Manor suite has great views of the harbour and sunsets. The living room opens out to a spacious, southwest-facing balcony. The suite features bamboo laminate floors and a stylish bathroom with double vanity. The listing agent is Shirley Lord with Sutton Group - West Coast (Broadway), 604-760-2012.

$209,900

Halifax

This 529-sq. ft. studio condo in the new Gladstone Ridge Development is on the Halifax Peninsula and just a few blocks from the hip Hydrostone Market. The 10th-floor suite features floor-to-ceiling windows, a maple kitchen with five appliances and a laundry room with a washer and dryer. The complex includes an outdoor pool, a fitness studio, and landscaped grounds with outdoor garden plots and a car wash station. Listing agent is Cheryl Jenkins from Keller Williams Select Realty, 902-403-6655.

$324,900

Toronto

Here's a one-bedroom lower penthouse in the Liberty Village neighbourhood. The unit includes parking and a locker. This highly walkable community is close to grocery stores, restaurants, Starbucks and an LCBO. At 499 sq. ft., it's a nice size for a single or working couple. The condo features views of the lake and access to the streetcar and Gardiner Expressway. Amenities include a gym, swimming pool, media room and outdoor patio with barbecue. Listing agent Alex J. Wilson is with Re/Max Condos Plus, 416-996-5181.

Just a few pieces boost TV room

Metro reader Peter wants to show off the art in his TV room. CONTRIBUTED

DESIGN CENTRE
Karl Lohnes

Your decor questions answered: A reader gets the scoop on how to perk up a TV room.

Q: I have reconfigured the furniture in my TV room in order to have a comfortable area for watching television. I now need advice on how to display the art on the wall. Thanks for any advice you can give.
— Peter, Toronto

A: Treat the large colourful painting as the focal point to the wall and centre it above the sofa, not the full wall. Add a picture light above in order to highlight the painting at night. Lower the black and white art and add a dark decorating shelf below which you can display small picture frames or candles. This will help create a secondary display on the wall that holds together nicely. The chair looks shoved into the corner; I suggest bringing the chair out to incorporate it into a conversation arrangement in the room. The empty space beside the sofa can now house a small table or a plant. Your window is best dressed with a non-drapery-type covering. Consider a fitted shutter or wide blind in a fashionable dark brown finish. This will allow for light control while watching movies yet open for viewing the garden.

Picture lights not only highlight artwork but also act as night lights and accent lighting in a room. Modern Bronze Picture Light, $160, RH.com

LEFT: A small round table can act as a perch for drinks or an interesting plant stand. Ryan Wire Accent Table, $70, PotteryBarn.com

A small shelf positioned below artwork makes it feel more important and adds visual weight. Archetype Black Photo Ledge, $15, CrateAndBarrel.com.

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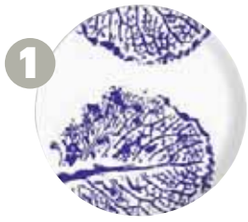

Nature sparks design trend

Represented by humans since the dawn of time, the natural world continues to inspire artists of all kinds, including interior designers. Here are some of the most striking and eccentric examples recently released by design labels. AFP

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1 Vegetable prints

A reminder to eat plenty of veggies, the Végétal plates by Non Sans Raison bring a touch of contemporary design to Limoges porcelain. Artist Chiara Andreatti has used cabbage leaves and halved artichokes as stamps to create her designs. $44 US each. PHOTO BY NON SANS RAISON

2 Decorative herbarium

Like butterflies and beetles, pressed flowers are as at home in the living room as they are in a naturalist's study. &K Amsterdam has placed real botanicals in glass tiles, to be placed around the home. About $2.60 each. PHOTO BY &K AMSTERDAM

3 A natural shelf

For those with an appreciation for greenery but no green thumb, designer Thomas Eyck has come up with a vine-shaped porcelain wall shelf. No watering necessary. Price available on request. PHOTO BY THOMAS EYCK

4 Pineapple pitcher

Serve drinks in style with the porcelain pineapple pitcher that takes advantage of the tropical fruit's shape, by &K Amsterdam. About $41. PHOTO BY &K AMSTERDAM

metro SPORTS

The red-hot U.S. men's national team beat Germany 2-1 in a friendly in Cologne

Thursday, June 11, 2015

Herdman certain his team is better than New Zealand

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Canadians have thoroughly scouted coach's former team

A confident John Herdman dissected New Zealand's tactics at his pre-game news conference Wednesday at the Women's World Cup.

And the Canadian coach made it clear that he does not expect the Football Ferns to bring anything new to the table Thursday.

"Very clearly, we're a better team ... And I think quality for quality, we're a better team than New Zealand," said Herdman.

"And if we connect and we connect like we did against China for periods and we improve on some things and we live the game plan, Canada should win this game. I said this right from the onset, we should win this group."

Winning the group means less travel and avoiding other group winners until deeper into the 24-team tournament.

Canada, ranked eighth in the world, is coming off a 1-0 win over No. 16 China while No. 17 New Zealand was beaten 1-0 by the 12th-ranked Netherlands in the other opening Group A match.

Herdman is no stranger to the Kiwis. He used to coach them and current head coach Tony Readings is his former assistant.

And while he plans to have a glass of wine with Readings after the game, Herdman made no secret about the outcome he expects at Commonwealth Stadium. Canada wants the points more, he said.

Bravado aside, some observers thought Herdman struggled to keep his emotions in check when he was first asked about facing his old team. In contrast, the New Zealand camp was all business.

"The fact that we're playing against a coach that used to be in charge of this team doesn't really change too much for us," Readings said at his subsequent news conference.

"To be honest as a team, we haven't really spoken about John at all," added midfielder Annalie Longo.

Asked about Herdman's comments on the New Zealand tactics, Readings said other people's opinions were "completely irrelevant."

Herdman says his team has New Zealand down pat after scouting them the last two years. "We trailed them around the world."

"The reality is we know what they're going to throw at us now," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

FLASHBACK

2011 tournament an audition of sorts for coach

Four years ago, John Herdman led New Zealand to its first ever point at the FIFA Women's World Cup. And the Football Ferns did it in dramatic fashion, scoring in the 90th and 94th minute to pull even with Mexico at 2-2.

The coaching job did not go unnoticed.

"Ultimately that (Mexico) result caught the eye of some people ... it was the result that got us the Canada job," Herdman said.

New Zealand (12th) finished ahead of Canada (16th) at the tournament. A feat accomplished, as Herdman notes, "on a 30th of the budget and a tenth of the population."

Less than two months later, Herdman was Canada's coach.

Canada coach John Herdman has full confidence in his team beating New Zealand on Thursday. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

HOCKEY

McDavid's about to learn on the fly, Gretzky says

Connor McDavid is expected to be selected first overall in the NHL draft on June 26. GARY WIEPERT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wayne Gretzky can't offer Connor McDavid much advice about how to handle the pressure of the NHL draft later this month. The Great One never went through the experience himself.

But on June 26, he'll be watching with interest from his summer home in Idaho as the Edmonton Oilers, his former team, select first overall and likely take the highly touted McDavid.

"They're going to learn a lot as they go along here because you have to experience it yourself to know exactly what it's all about," Gretzky said of the McDavid family. "The good news is he's going to a wonderful city and the people there are going to treat him with a great deal of respect.

> **"I'll be the first guy to shake his hand if he breaks my records.**
> Wayne Gretzky on Connor McDavid

"They're going to idolize this young man because he's that good of a hockey player."

While Gretzky has done it all in hockey, he was never drafted to a professional league.

Instead, Gretzky signed with the Indianapolis Racers of the World Hockey Association in 1978 as a free agent straight out of major junior. Gretzky was traded to Edmonton later that year and moved with the Oilers to the National Hockey League when it merged with the WHA in 1979. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

WADA calls out CFL on its drug policy

The World Anti-Doping Agency says the CFL's drug policy has "room for improvement." WADA released a statement Wednesday after the head of the organization's only accredited lab in Canada slammed the league earlier this week for failing to reprimand first-time drug offenders or upholding suspensions handed down in university.

The CFL/CFLPA's drug policy states that a player who initially tests positive is subject to mandatory testing for two years, but does not face suspension and is not named publicly. A second offence would result in a three-game suspension, while a third positive test would mean a year-long ban. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business as usual for Coyotes GM and coach

Owners change and the relationship between the Arizona Coyotes and the city of Glendale carries on like a soap opera. Meanwhile, the team's hockey operations keep chugging along.

The city council is considering cancelling the Coyotes' lease at Gila River Arena, something the team feels is "without merit." In the midst of that, team general manager Don Maloney and coach Dave Tippett prepare for their third pick in the draft later this month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mr. Hockey has second stem cell transplant

Gordie Howe's son Mark says his father is doing well after receiving a second experimental stem cell transplant this week.

The 87-year-old hockey legend was treated Monday at the same Mexican clinic where he underwent an initial injection of stem cells in his spine in December. THE CANADIAN PRESS

STANLEY CUP

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Matthew Dellavevoda has been an unlikely star for Cleveland sor far in the post season MIKE EHRMANN/GETTY IMAGES

NBA FINALS

Dellavedova adds to Cavs injury list

The banged-up Cavaliers have yet another bruise — or two. Scrappy guard Matthew Dellavedova, who has emerged as an unlikely star during this postseason, was hospitalized early Wednesday after suffering from severe cramps after Game 3 of the NBA Finals.

Australian Dellavedova, 24, scored 20 points and played 38 minutes in Cleveland's 96-91 win over Golden State on Tuesday night as the Cavs took a 2-1 lead in the series. Dellavedova has been starting in place of All-Star Kyrie Irving, who broke his kneecap in Game 1 and was just discharged from the Cleveland Clinic following surgery.

The Cavs said Dellavedova received IV treatments at Quicken Loans Arena after the game then was taken by ambulance to the hospital for further procedures.

Also, guard Iman Shumpert is expected to undergo imaging tests on his left shoulder, which he bruised in the first quarter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Hinchcliffe on the mend

Canadian IndyCar driver James Hinchcliffe recognizes he's lucky to be alive and joked that he had "a complete oil change" after his accident during preparations for the Indianapolis 500.

Hinchcliffe, a native of Oakville, Ont., suffered a life-threatening leg injury May 18 when a piece of his suspension broke during a crash and pierced his leg.

He said Wednesday he has no memory of the race to save his life. He still needs one more surgery as part of his recovery process. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Capable Copeland takes his big chance

MLB

Right-hander helps Jays rout Marlins in first pitching start

Toronto Blue Jays' Scott Copeland had a debut to remember as starting pitcher against the Miami Marlins in Toronto on Wednesday THE CANADIAN PRESS/NATHAN DENETTE

Scott Copeland's first stint as a starting pitcher with the Blue Jays lasted just one game, but that was long enough to make a strong impression on manager John Gibbons.

The 27-year-old Copeland provided the Blue Jays with seven innings of one-run baseball Wednesday afternoon, allowing six hits and striking out seven as Toronto thumped the Miami Marlins 7-2.

"He was unbelievable. I don't see how you can do it any better than that," Gibbons said. "I don't know how many ground balls he had today, but that's kind of who he is. He really stood out. It was his first start for us. He definitely opened up everybody's eyes.

"Everybody thought he was good, but to actually go out there and do it, that's going to help him out in the future."

Copeland (1-0) was recalled on Tuesday night and made a spot start in place of Aaron Sanchez.

"You just go out there and try to help the team win. Keep the streak they have alive and pound the strike zone and get ground balls. Let players make plays," the right-hander said.

"At first I was up in the zone, but after that first inning I kind of got in the groove and started pounding the zone.

"You just go out there and compete and hopefully the managers and coach's eyes are open now and next time something happens, I'll be up here," the right-hander said.

Copeland was returned to triple-A Buffalo after Wednesday's game, with the Jays saying they will make a countermove Friday before starting a three-game series in Boston.

Justin Smoak and Russell Martin hit back-to-back homers in the fourth while Jose Reyes and Josh Donaldson went deep in the seventh as Toronto (31-30) moved one game above .500 for the first time since May 9.

The loss drops Miami (24-36) to 3-6 during interleague play this season.

"Obviously we ran into a very hot Blue Jays team," said Marlins manager Dan Jennings. "They can swing the bats. They're as good a hitting club as we've faced to this point. When we made mistakes, they made us pay. They punish the ball. They hunt the fastball and when you make a mistake with it, they're swinging."

Marlins starter Tom Koehler (4-4) allowed six earned runs on eight hits while striking out seven in 6 2/3 innings of work. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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> **Obviously, we ran into a very hot Blue Jays team**
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- 1 ½ tsp minced garlic
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- 2 cups chicken or vegetable stock
- ¼ cup 2 per cent evaporated milk
- Salt and pepper
- ⅓ cup frozen green peas, defrosted and slightly mashed
- 6 cooked baby cocktail shrimp (optional)

Directions
1. In a soup pan, heat oil and sauté onion and garlic until soft, about five minutes.
2. Meanwhile, with a sharp knife, slice kernels from corn. Add all but a half cup of the corn kernels to sautéed onions and cook for another three minutes.
3. Add stock, cover and simmer for five minutes. Place in food processor, add milk, salt and pepper and purée until smooth. Add back to soup pan, add remaining half cup corn and gently heat for two minutes, until corn is tender.
4. Place in bowls, garnish with peas and shrimp, if using.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 140
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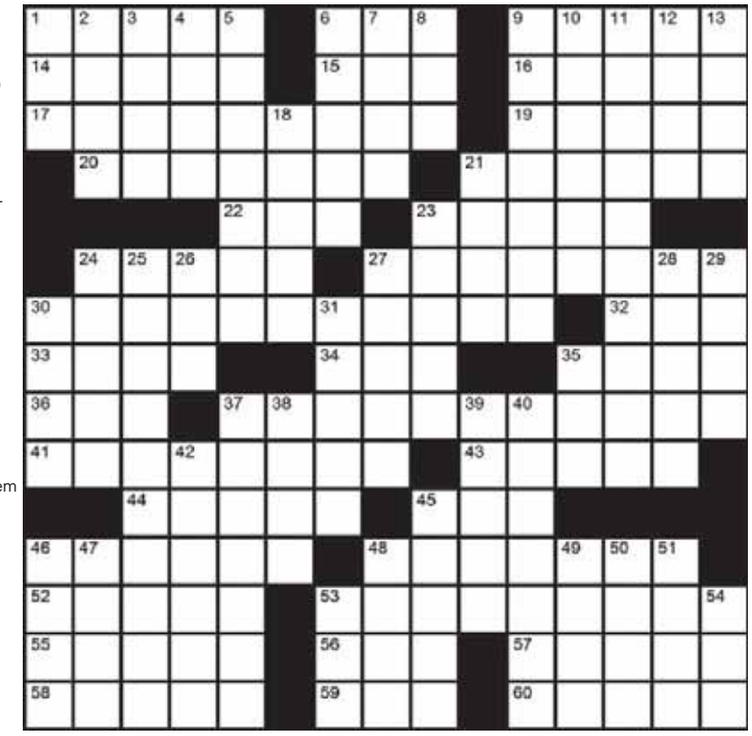

ACROSS
1. Word of __
6. Earth's blue ceiling
9. World __ _ _ (1939 to 1945)
14. Ms. Shire
15. Detectives, for short
16. __-garde
17. __ __ Before Serving (Direction on a beverage carton)
19. Gunpowder component
20. "The __" by The Irish Rovers
21. Sailor's tattoo
22. Dutch airline
23. 'P' of SVP
24. Viola music symbol, _ __
27. Puffins, for example
30. __ streets (Tourists can walk on them in Old Quebec)
32. Fair-hiring letters
33. Hostile-to-Hobbits humanoids
34. Hosiery hue
35. "Yahoo!" from ancient times
36. Alphabetic sequence
37. Crowbar or The Guess Who genre: 2 wds.
41. Canadian TV series of 1994 to 1999: 2 wds.
43. Singer Mr. Gibb
44. Middle, legal-style
45. Auction offer
46. Fortified like Old Quebec
48. Montreal __ (Since-1778 newspaper)
52. _ __ from the blue (Something unexpected)
53. Celine Dion is an impression by what "This Hour Has 22 Minutes" cast member?: 2 wds.
55. Go-Go's hit: "__ __ the Beat"
56. Function
57. Sports team leader
58. Solo
59. "__ better be!"
60. County in England

DOWN
1. Logan, et al.
2. Hawaiian island
3. __ Bator, Mongolia
4. Beach torch
5. Yukon: __ Hill, near Whitehorse, two wind turbines sit atop it
6. __ whale
7. Ceramics oven
8. Couture monogram
9. Spice Girls smash
10. Swedish DJ
11. __ Beach Provincial Park, on Vancouver Island
12. Obi accessory
13. Road of ancient Rome
18. Montcalm's 1759 Battle of Quebec opponent
21. Mr. Rickman
23. Toilers
24. Greek island
25. Crown corp. broadcaster's iconic symbol: 3 wds.
26. Weight numbers, for short
27. Hidden supply
28. Steve of FOX News
29. Look for
30. Undergrad
31. Express
35. Be off
37. Les Miserables character
38. Corb __, Canadian musician
39. Party island of Spain
40. Edmonton-born rapper, __ Weapon
42. Convince about an idea: 2 wds.
45. Stationed
46. Ontario: Canada Goose monument community
47. Genesis son
48. Wind blast
49. Boxing stats
50. Tetley products
51. 'Exist' suffix
53. Geneva's land, to FIFA
54. Wd. of gratitude

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You won't have to tell others what kind of mood you are in, they will know by the look on your face exactly what you are thinking and feeling. If they are smart they will give you what you desire — or stay out of your way!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Forget about material things and focus on the fun side of life. Yes, making money can be fun too but there are even better things you could be doing today. Someone you care for deeply needs some TLC.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a good time for social activities, so why not throw a party and invite all your friends. You may even get the chance to get back on good terms with someone you fell out with earlier in the year.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Why so cautious? Why so reluctant to take risks? Whatever the reason you need to get over it. There is some good news coming your way and by the weekend you won't be cautious at all — you may even be reckless.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Try not to upset someone who is way more powerful than you. If they don't like what you have to say they will almost certainly make life tough for you. You don't have to flatter them — just don't offend.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You need to impress someone important and give your reputation a boost. You may have left it late but it's never too late, so get your act together and make sure those above you know what you can do.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may not be able to explain how you reached a certain conclusion or answer but you know deep inside that it is right, so go with your instincts and don't let others persuade you to do something different.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Help will arrive just when you most need it today, so don't despair, even if the predicament you find yourself in makes it look as if there is no way out. You are being watched over by powers that won't let you come to harm.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Think back to what happened earlier in the year. Did you miss out on something because you were afraid to take a chance? If so, and if you regret it, you will soon get the opportunity to make amends.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Certain routines and methods have had their day and need to be replaced. Don't wait any longer. If you leave it too long the chance will pass you by and you could be stuck in the past forever.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
There is no point arguing with people whose opinions are so different to your own that there is no middle ground. On the other hand, the world would be a boring place if everyone agreed about everything.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Cosmic activity in the domestic area of your chart will help resolve differences of opinion that have dragged on too long. It's always a good idea to get along with those you live with – even more so those you love.

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